Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Tuesday 28 Mar 2023 until 23:59 on Wednesday 29 Mar 2023

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 28 Mar 2023 at 02:58 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for a changeable few days across the Southwest Highlands area but lower confidence on day to day details.

Headline for Tuesday 28 Mar 2023: Rain with snow above 800m during morning, turning increasingly to rain at all levels during afternoon and evening. Windy on the tops and feeling bitterly cold.

Mountain weather hazards on Tuesday 28 Mar 2023

Blizzards
Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
Low Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
Low Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light snow	Sleet	Light rain	Light rain	Heavy Rain	Cloudy
Precipitation probability					
60%	80%	80%	80%	40%	30%

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Weather: Cloudy with snow flurries at first. Rain, with snow above 800m, during morning becoming more persistent and heavy. Risk of blizzard conditions for a short time on tops. Snow then gradually turning to rain at all levels in afternoon, fizzling out during evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 50% at first decreasing 10% during morning.

Low Cloud and visibility: Clouds extensive around 600 to 700m with patches lower down in afternoon. Visibility deteriorating in precipitation, becoming very poor or virtually nil in persistent sleet and snow.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	32/39 SE	38/47 SE	33/42 SE	25/32 SE	20/25 SE	18/22 S	18/23 SE
900	21/28 S	25/33 SE	23/31 SE	17/23 SE	13/18 S	13/18 S	13/17 S
600	27/32 S	37/45 SE	31/39 SE	21/27 SE	15/19 S	11/14 S	10/14 S
300	16/24 SE	20/28 SE	17/26 SE	13/20 SE	9/14 SE	6/10 S	7/12 SE
Glen	4/10 NE	10/23 SE	9/21 SE	8/17 SE	5/11 S	4/9 S	4/9 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
1300	-4/-13	-3/-13	-2/-11	-1/-8	0/-6	1/-5	1/-5
900	-2/-9	-1/-8	-0/-7	1/-5	2/-3	2/-2	2/-2
600	2/-4	3/-4	4/-3	5/0	5/1	5/2	6/2
300	3/-2	4/-2	5/0	6/2	7/4	7/5	7/5
Glen	4/2	6/2	7/4	8/6	8/7	8/7	8/7
Freezing Level*	700m	800m	1000m	1500m	1600m	1500m	1500m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Walking conditions will be difficult on higher ridges/summits due to stronger winds, low temperatures, wintry precipitation and poorer visibility.

Forecast for Wednesday 29 Mar 2023
Weather: Cloudy with showery rain during the morning, just a few brighter interludes. More persistent rain will spread up from the south during the afternoon.

Maximum wind: Strengthening south or southeast winds, average speeds increasing 30 to 40mph on the tops with gusts 55mph in the afternoon.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 40% in morning decreasing 20% in the afternoon.

Low Cloud and visibility: Fairly extensive cloud cover with fog above about 700 to 800m. Good visibility beneath the clouds but poor as showers pass by and in afternoon rain.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 8 Celsius rising to 12 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 5 Celsius.
Freezing level: Above the tops.

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